

# WALKS SCHEDULE FALL 2021

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Please note: Walks meet at different times. Some trips are weather dependent. Please call trip leader if in doubt.

## Saturday, Sept. 25 from 10-11:00 am

### KIDS DISCOVERY AT DOLAN PARK



Join Barbara Bates, Newton Conservators' board member and teacher naturalist at Mass Audubon, to explore the animals and plants in the Dolan Pond conservation area and play nature-themed games. Open to children 5 and 6 years old accompanied by an adult. Registration limited to 8 children. Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/3tiyIbu>. A wait list will be available if registration is filled. Meeting location and directions will be mailed to all registrants before the walk.

*Trip Leader: Barbara Bates, B.L.Bates@rcn.com.*

## Saturday, Sept. 25 at 11:00 am

### HOUGHTON GARDEN FERN WALK

This garden remains from the Houghton Estate and is now part of the Webster Conservation Area complex near Hammond Pond that runs from Route 9 north beyond the MBTA Riverside line. The garden, only lightly managed now, retains a variety of flowering plants and a diversity of ferns. We will see more than a dozen fern species and one clubmoss. Park on Suffolk Road (off Hammond Street) and meet near the gate at Woodman Road. Be prepared for insects and some poison ivy. Bring any native fern you would like Don to identify.

*Trip Leader: Don Lubin, 617-254-8464.*

## Sunday, Oct. 3 from 1-2:30 pm

### KIDS EXPLORATION BY THE CHARLES RIVER

Join Barbara Bates, Newton Conservators' Board member and teacher naturalist at Mass Audubon, to explore the various habitats around Riverside Park next to the Charles River and play nature-themed games. Open to children 7 and 8 years old accompanied by an adult. Registration limited to 8 children. Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/3DV9gxx>. A wait list will be available if registration is filled. Meeting location and directions will be mailed to all registrants before the walk.

*Trip Leader: Barbara Bates, B.L.Bates@rcn.com.*

## Saturday, Oct. 9 from 10-11:30 am

### CHARLES RIVER PATHWAY WALK

Join the Newton Conservators and Waltham Land Trust for an easy, one-way 2-mile walk on the Charles River Pathway.

We'll discuss historic and natural points of interest along the way, starting in Newton's Lyons Field, going through Auburndale Park and into Forest Grove in Waltham, over the new Woerd Ave bridge, past the boat launch and Waltham Watch Factory, and along the Riverwalk to Waltham's vibrant Moody Street. There participants can pick up produce and snacks at the Waltham Farmers' Market, stroll a closed-to-traffic Moody Street, and grab lunch al fresco on "Restaurant Row". Meet at Lyons Park, Commonwealth Ave at Islington Road, Auburndale 02466

*Trip Leaders: Sonja Wadman & Ted Chapman, 781-893-3355 X101.*

## Saturday, Oct. 16 from 10-11:30 am

### WALKING WEBSTER WOODS

Join Barbara Bates, Newton Conservators' Board member, in navigating the more common trails in Webster Woods while admiring fall foliage and learning about how leaves turn color. Includes visits to the vernal pool (Bare Pond) and Gooch's Cave. Registration limited to 25. Sign up online at <https://bit.ly/3jNYpNZ>. A wait list will be available if registration is filled. Meeting location and directions will be mailed to all registrants before the walk. Adults and families welcome!

*Trip Leader: Barbara Bates, B.L.Bates@rcn.com.*

## Saturday, Oct. 23 from 8-11:00 am

### BIRDING AT COLD SPRING PARK

Participants will meet near the turnaround at the end of the left side of the Beacon Street parking area. This is an easy walk on flat woodland trails. We will look for resident birds as well as fall migrants. The latter may include warblers, thrushes and vireos. We saw a Philadelphia Vireo on this walk two years ago. Beginners and children are welcome.

*Trip Leader: Pete Gilmore, petegilmore79@gmail.com.*

## Sunday, Oct. 24 at 2:00 pm

### NEWTON AQUEDUCTS HIKE

Join a five-mile hike through woods, meadows, and fields along the Newton sections of the Sudbury and Cochituate aqueducts. This is a steady but not fast hike. Participants should be in sufficiently good shape to keep up with the group (there are cutoffs for those who wish to shorten the hike). Meet in front of the Starbucks coffee shop near the Waban MBTA station.

*Trip Leader: Henry Finch, 617-964-4488.*